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At a trial, the Plaintiff, the wife of J. H. Scawen-Lockhart, of a daughter. [115]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 8TH, 1894.

In connection with the passing of the Public Health Ordinance the question of making compulsory the provision of backyards to all new or reconstructed houses was warmly discussed. The interests of property, however, prevailed over considerations of public health, and the clause regarding backyards was struck out. When the Building Ordinance was subsequently brought up the idea of introducing the backyards clause in that measure was again entertained, but was given up in favour of another measure by which it was hoped the sanitary condition of the Colony as regards the admission of light and air to buildings might be more effectively improved, namely, the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance. In all new leases granted by the Crown covenants relating to the provision of backyards are inserted, and in the agreement between the Government and the marine lot holders with respect to the Praya Reclamation it is provided that all buildings to be erected on the Reclamation shall have yards varying from 10ft. to 15ft. according to the depth of the house. Under leases granted prior to 1887, however, houses may still be built back to back and without any provision whatever as regards light and air except such as may be admitted from the front, and as narrow as 15 feet being allowed it necessarily follows that the amount of ventilation from that quarter cannot be very great. No wonder that when the germs of the plague were once introduced into Taipingshan they spread like wild fire. When the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance was introduced the intention was that the more insanitary portions of that district should be reconstructed, the landlords having the option of effecting the improvements themselves or of allowing the Crown to resume their property. Five years have elapsed and absolutely nothing has been done, the Ordinance having been allowed to become a dead letter. The preamble recites that "Whereas the dwelling houses on certain portions of land under lease from the Crown especially in the City of Victoria are of insanitary construction as regards conditions of air and light and it is expedient that the Governor should be empowered to acquire or resume such lands and buildings compulsorily with a view to the erection of improved houses or dwellings thereon," etc. By that recital the Government openly acknowledged the great duty and responsibility resting upon it, and for five years it has neglected that duty and responsibility absolutely and completely. Had the work of reconstruction been taken in hand five years ago the greater part of Taipingshan might have been rebuilt by this time and the Colony have been spared the visitation of the plague. The financial strain on the Government would have been comparatively light had the work been carried on gradually and the inconvenience to the population insconsiderable. Now the reconstruction of the whole district has to be taken in hand at once. But where is the money to come from and what is to be done with the population? Both difficulties are of course capable of solution, if they be attacked with energy. Indeed on the financial question the Government may be a gainer, except for the inconvenience of having to raise the money all at once instead of gradually. Property in Taipingshan is at the moment almost valueless, and when the Government reduces it the value at the moment will be the basis of the compensation payable to the owners, and "quite rightly," for it is by the owners' own neglect that their property has become depreciated in value.

The writer of the letter signed "Fire and Water" has not forwarded his name. A intense heat is reported from Calcutta. Horses were dying in the streets, and some deaths occurred among the shipping.

The plague of caterpillars which threatened to destroy the plantations of pine trees with which the hillsides here, after many years of care and at considerable expense, been clothed, is now abating and the quantity of the insects brought in by the collectors is becoming less every day.

Last night, about nine o'clock, as a European woman, the wife, we believe, of one of the non-commissioned officers of the Garrison, was walking along Queen's Road, just opposite Thomas' grill room, a Chinaman suddenly seized her by the waist, snatched her purse, which was a carrying case, and made off with it. There was a crowd of people in the neighbourhood at the time and the thief was chased by several soldiers, but he managed to give his pursuers the slip and was lost sight of somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Chartered Bank.

The Secretary of State in a despatch laid on the table at a meeting of the State's Legislative Council says that he "observes that an important addition to the backyards would probably have created greater evils than those they were intended to remove, went on to say that he was nevertheless quite satisfied the evils existed and must be removed. The following extract from His Excellency's speech is worth reproducing:

I went myself and saw some twenty Chinese houses of a type which certainly did not exist in China itself—It means open to objection that these houses in China itself are not open to the public. The Chinese have, however, some two or three of whom the thief was chased by several soldiers, but he managed to give his pursuers the slip and was lost sight of somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Chartered Bank.

Commander Hastings has now completed control over the burial arrangements, and under his energetic supervision they have been so perfectly arranged that he has been able to reduce the number of interments by one-half. Four drivers have been obtained for the military wagons to convey the dead bodies from the Glass-works Hospital to the burial ground.

The Postmaster General has greatly facilitated the collection of the dead bodies.

Commander Hastings has despatched a "Sheep and Goat" to the Public Health Board.

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